Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes.

Sale of country liquor at Ernakulam.

128. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be peased to state:—

(a) whether there is a resolution passed by the Municipality concerned and accepted by the Government prohibiting the sale of country liquor within the Municipal limits of the Ernakulam Town ;

(b) whether the Government are taking all possible steps to check and stop the sale of country liquor within the town limits ;

(c) whether the preventive officers have detected any cases of such sale, since the resolution referred to above, was accepted by the Government ; and if so, how many cases ;

(d) whether the department concerned is aware that there are still such sales going on within the Municipal limits ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) There was a resolution from the Ernakulam Municipality recommending that all liquor shops should be abolished from 1099. Government did not accept it, but ordered the removal of all arrack and toddy shops beyond the then limits of the Municipality in 1100.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. 81 illicit cases.

(d) The department is not aware of any. They are doing their best to detect any malpractices.

Public tanks in Irinjalakkuda.

129. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the necessary masonry work will be put up to prevent the dirt and dry leaves of the paramba adjoining Nourikulam at Irinjalakkuda on the south from being washed into the said tank;

(b) when steps to prevent the flow of storm water into Boothamkulam at Irinjalakkuda will be taken ;

(c) whether any public tank or tanks have been provided for the use of the members of the Ezhuva community at Irinjalakkuda ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon—(a) The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

(b) This is being enquired into.

(c) There is no tank in Irinjalakkuda exclusively set apart for Ezhuvas , but the two tanks referred to in the interpellation are meant for the general public and as such the Ezhuvas also can make use of them.

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